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11. (C) Charge d' Affaires, a.i. Bullen spoke with and presented Ref A demarche to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Manuel Trullols on July 2. Trullols took the Charge's comments on board, stated he will raise the issue with FM Morales when he returns to the country, and remained non-committal about recognizing Kosovo. In a response to the Ambassador on February 25, the FM stated it would be problematic for the Dominican Republic to act without Rio Group Summit consensus (Ref B). The country hosted the Summit in March but it is unclear whether the Rio Group members broached the issue of Kosovo independence.

 $\P2$. (C) Post will report any subsequent response from the MFA. FANNIN